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Lysander Man Injured in Fireworks Explosion, Brother Charged with Possessing illegal Handguns

Town of Lysander, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that a Lysander man was seriously injured Saturday afternoon during a fireworks explosion, which led to the arrest of his brother for possessing several illegal handguns.

On June 10th, 2017, at approximately 4:25 pm, Sheriff's Deputies responded to 7681 Tater Road in the Town of Lysander regarding a traumatic injury caused by fireworks. 43 year old James Rice of 7557 Tater Road was at a neighbor house when he was injured after igniting a metal pipe that he had packed with sparklers which was inserted it into an old exhaust pipe. The explosion caused the exhaust pipe to rip and tear, sending metal shrapnel into Rice's abdomen and legs. Rice was transported to University Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries. The Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad also responded to assist in the post-blast investigation.

While investigating the explosion, deputies interviewed James Rice's brother, Dale Rice (52) also of 7557 Tater Road, who was present during the incident. At the time of the interview deputies discovered a loaded .22 cal pistol magazine in Dale Rice's vehicle. Subsequent investigation led to the recovery of 12 unregistered handguns, two in the vehicle and 10 in his residence. Deputies further discovered that Dale Rice did not possess a NYS Pistol Permit.

Dale Rice was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd degree. He was arraigned in the Town of Lysander Court that night by Judge Mantione who released him on his own recognizance.

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